

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) STRICKLAND STREET COMMUNITY GARDENS

Christine Blance, Co-ordinator, Strickland Street Community Gardens, was granted speaking rights to address the Committee on the Strickland Street Community Garden.

Over 80 letters in support of the Community Garden were sent to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

The garden was established five years ago on a site of approximately 1000m². It recycles approximately 25 tonnes of recovered materials a year and composts about 4 tonnes of kitchen waste a year. It produces about 6 tonnes of compost a year.

Adults and children of all abilities work on the garden, about 40 a week. It has open frontage, a good location for inviting people into it and it is a safe place to enter. The volunteer commitment is strong totalling about 5,200 volunteer hours a year. It is accessible, open seven days a week and is well organised. It is a popular garden to take visitors to. It is regarded as a model for community gardens.

Please refer to clause 1 in Part A for the recommendation from the Committee.

(b) WOOSH WIRELESS

Sean Liddicoat and Victoria Murdoch from Woosh Wireless were granted speaking rights to introduce the company, Woosh Wireless, to the Committee. Please refer to clause 4 in Part A of this report. Woosh Wireless is a broadband internet network operator that wishes to establish up to 40 cell sites in Christchurch, six on Council land.

They currently have coverage in Auckland, Wellington Central Business District and Invercargill and plan to eventually extend coverage to the whole of New Zealand.